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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Carol Boelitz

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Date of Interview Oct 9, 2002

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: None

Identification of prior art discussed:

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant has suggested that the recitation of the binding being "non-safety releasable" and the engaging element which allows a release of a user's boot upon stepping out of the binding are not contradictory in that the recitation of safety releasing is directed to the entire binding, while the recitation of allowing a release upon stepping out is directed only to that one element, and not the whole binding. Applicant has also argued that the reference of Romano would not be appropriate for use in a snowboarding environment in that turning motions of a user's feet allow the disengagement of the user's boot from the binding as taught by Romano, but in a snowboarding environment, a release of a user's foot from the binding following the generation of a turning force would be highly undesirable.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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